

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ocala, Fla., Aug. 3, 1908.

The board of county commissioners met on the above date for the purpose of hearing complaints by persons who were aggrieved on account of having their assessments raised by the board at the last meeting. Present: Hon. John L. Edwards, chairman; N. A. Fort, S. R. Pyles and J. M. Mathews, commissioners.

There being a quorum present the chairman called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were had:

Mr. E. O. Cordrey appeared before the board and complained of the raise on the west half of southwest quarter, and southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 3, township 15, south, range 24, east—120 acres. The board believing that there was some equity in his case, reduced the assessment from \$1000 to \$500.

The Carney Investment Company, by Mr. W. B. Grey, its secretary, and Mr. John L. Carney, appeared before the board with their complaint, and very earnestly protested against the raise which had been made by the board at its last meeting, on their property on North Lake Weir, Florida. The board, after consideration, reduced the assessments back to the amounts originally assessed.

A communication from Mr. C. C. Cary, protesting against the raise from \$70 to \$140 on the west half of the northeast quarter, and southeast quarter of northwest quarter, excepting six acres sold to Moore, section 22, township 14, south, range 19, east—74 acres, was received and read, and upon motion was refused.

A communication from Mrs. L. F. Marshall complaining about the raise on the west half of an acre of and adjoining lot 39, Caldwell's add to Ocala, raised from \$300 to \$1500, was read, and the board believing that the assessment was low enough, refused the request.

Mr. J. W. Hall appeared before the board and stated that he had been assessed for turpentine leases on lands which he did not own, and also for farm lands upon which there was no timber, and had paid the taxes thereon, and asked relief at the hands of the board. It was ordered that a rebate of \$11.13, the same being the county's part only of the amounts so paid, be granted to the said Hall, and a warrant was ordered issued for the same.

It appearing to the board that the Summer Lumber Company were badly damaging the public road, known as the Kendrick and Martin road, with their log carts, the clerk was directed to notify said company to place said road in good repair at once as to parts damaged by the log carts, or they would be called upon for damages sustained to said road.

Chany Hope of Leon, Florida, who has the care of an idiotic woman, placed in her care by the board, asked for additional remuneration for the woman's maintenance. The board increased the salary already given one dollar more.

It then being five o'clock, the board adjourned to meet in regular session in the morning at 8 o'clock, August 4, 1908.

Ocala, Fla., Aug. 4, 1908.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session on the above date. Present: Hon. John L. Edwards, chairman, S. R. Pyles, C. W. Turner, J. M. Mathews and N. A. Fort, commissioners.

Board was called to order by the chairman, and the following proceedings had:

It was upon motion ordered that T. E. Pasteur, county treasurer, transfer from the fine and forfeiture fund to the building fund \$1250.

Bill of Mr. Venable for making fill on Big Prairie, on the Stokes Ferry road for \$350, was ordered paid.

Matter of changing a part of the Blitchton road was referred to Commissioner Mathews for investigation.

Mr. J. P. Taylor, who was notified to remove his fence from the right of way of the public road, appeared before the board and explained why it was that it was placed where it is, and the board gave Mr. Taylor until the first day of December next to remove the fence, which was satisfactory with him.

It appearing to the board that Charlie Jackson and August Manier were suitable persons to enter the poor farm, permits were granted for such purpose.

Mr. Buhl appeared before the board and reported that Mrs. Murray's condition, (Dr. Hood being present also), stating that she was possibly helpless for life, suffering from a fractured hip, a continuation for another month of \$5 donation was made.

Rev. Goin, a colored man, appeared before the board and asked for compensation for keeping a sick pauper, and was granted \$2.

It appeared to the board that Justice of the Peace Smith of Fairfield, had turned into the county \$50 on account of a prisoner who had been convicted in his court, and under motion for new trial was acquitted, and it appearing that the \$50 were placed

in the hands of said justice for the appearance of the defendant waiting on motion for new trial, it was ordered that the said money be refunded to G. M. Johnson, and a warrant was ordered drawn upon the F. and F. fund as aforesaid.

Mr. J. M. Mathews made his report of the hard road at Dunnellon, and approved the bill of Messrs. Anderson and Boswell for \$3210.24.

The committee heretofore appointed to view and mark out a public road from a point on the Summerfield hard road by Belleview to Candler, made their report as follows:

Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Marion County:

Gentlemen—In accordance with your order appointing us a committee to survey and mark out a route for a hard road from the point of the Summerfield road by Belleview to Candler, we beg leave to report that we have surveyed and marked out the following route, which in our judgment is the best, all things being considered:

Beginning from the point where the Summerfield hard road intersects with the south boundary of section 25, township 16, range 22, thence due east near said section boundary to the boundary of the town of Belleview, connecting with the town road to the limits, and from a point on south boundary of sections 30 and 29, at the east boundary of the town of Belleview, thence due east on section line to a point 660 feet west of southeast corner of section 28, township 16, range 23, thence east approximately 17 degrees north to a point due west of a point 10 chains west and 30 chains south of the northeast corner of section 26, township 16, south, range 23, east. Thence due east to said above point.

(Signed.)

O. M. GALE,

P. H. NUGENT.

It was, upon motion, ordered adopted, the clerk directed to post notices as required by law for the opening of said road.

The clerk of this board was directed to destroy all of the old registration books, and advertise the old registration safe for sale.

The committee heretofore appointed to view and mark out that part of the Ocala and Leesburg public road from Lake Weir to Candler, made the following report:

We, the undersigned commissioners, appointed by your honorable board to survey and mark out the above road, beg to report that we have done so as follows:

Beginning in section 4, township 17, range 24, east, at northern terminus of that part of said road heretofore chartered, said point being at a stake in the intersection of Orange avenue and Bay street, plat of Weir Park town, Lake Weir, running thence north 57 degrees, west 40 links, thence north 22 degrees, 18 chains, thence in a northwesterly direction, parallel with the Florida Southern R. R., and 45 feet from center of said railroad tracks, to the west boundary of section 32, township 16, south, range 24, east, thence continuing in a northwesterly direction to a point 1 chain south of the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 31, township 16, south, range 24, east, thence north 58 degrees, west through sections 31 and 30, township 16, south, range 24, east, to a stake near the bayhead in the northeast corner of southwest quarter of section 30, township 16, south, range 24, east, thence north 51 3/4 degrees, west 58.30 chains to the center of the eastern terminus of

street in Candler, said point being 10 chains north of the center of section 25, township 16, south, range 23, east, thence west in center of said street in Candler to a point 10 chains west of a point 30 chains south of northeast corner of section 26, township 16, south, range 23, east.

(Signed.)

R. L. MARTIN,

J. S. DRIGGERS,

Commissioners.

The report was upon motion duly adopted, and the clerk directed to issue the necessary notices, and have them posted as required by law.

The commissioners heretofore appointed to mark out the best route from Juliette to Dunnellon, Florida, on a direct line from the railroad crossing at Juliette to the northwest corner of the West Coast farms, thence south on quarter section line to Dunnellon, being an extension of the Ocala, Martel, Cotton Plant, Juliette road, made the following report:

Ocala, Fla., July 22, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned commissioners, appointed by you to survey and mark out that part of the Ocala, Martel, Dunnellon public road from Juliette to Dunnellon, report that we have done so as follows:

Beginning at the crossing of said public road of the A. C. L. R. R. in section 12, township 16, south, range 18, east, at a point 2.42 chains south, 30 degrees east from the southwest corner of A. C. L. R. R. depot building at Juliette, Florida, running thence

south 52 1/2 degrees, west 52 chains, thence south 8 degrees, west 191.86 chains to the center of the railroad track near western point of "Y" at Dunnellon, Florida, said point being 11.43 chains west of the west boundary of section 25, township 16, south, range 18, east, thence south 21 degrees, east 45.35 chains to the northern terminus of William street, Dunnellon, Florida. The whole distance being 3.61 miles.

(Signed.)

J. F. PARKER,

R. L. MARTIN,

Commissioners.

Which report was duly adopted, and the clerk directed to post proper notices.

A petition signed by a number of citizens asking the board to grant and cause the following named road to be made a county road:

Beginning at the northwest corner of section 29, township 17, south, range 22, east, which is a point on the Ocala and Summerfield road, thence running east along the section line to the northeast corner of section 28, township 17, south, range 22, east, thence running in a northeast direction until it crosses the McGehee Lumber Company's railroad, thence running north through the town of Leon, to the postoffice at Leon, thence following the main traveled road to the point where it intersects with the Summerfield public road.

Petition was filed, and under the rules laid over until the next regular meeting of this board.

It appearing to the board that the application of G. A. Carmichael, of the Carmichael & Son Company, for permit to sell liquors, wines and beer in election district number one, was regular in form, and it further appearing that the notice as required by law had been duly given and published, and that no objections had been filed with the board, showing any cause why this board should not grant a permit to said Carmichael & Son Company, it is, upon motion, ordered that a permit be, and the same is hereby granted to the said Carmichael & Son Company to sell liquors, wines and beer in election district number one, Ocala, Marion county, Florida.

Upon motion it was ordered that the comptroller be recommended to allow the redemption of certificate number 1258, sale of June 5th, 1905, upon the payment of the face of the certificate, and omitted year's taxes, without interest.

A number of citizens appeared before the board and filed the following petition asking the board to establish and lay out a graded hard surfaced road in Marion county, Florida, as follows:

Beginning on the northern boundary line of section 32, township 16, south, range 23, east, at a point where said section line is intersected by eastern boundary line of the town of Belleview, or thereabouts, thence from said point of beginning in a general southeasterly direction to the Baptist church, or vicinity thereof, at North Lake Weir, running through sections 32, 33, 34, in township 16, south, range 24, east, and sections one and two, in township 17, south, range 23, east, which petition, under the rule, was laid over until the meeting in September next.

Petition heretofore filed asking the board to change the road from Pedro to Summerfield: Beginning at 1/2 section line, and running east two miles, and north one-half mile, was granted upon condition that the petitioners secure the right of way, and opening up the road without expense to the county.

Board adjourned until tomorrow morning, at eight o'clock.

Wednesday morning, eight o'clock. Board convened; all members present, except Commissioner Turner, who was detained on account of sickness. It appearing to the board that C. R. Oliver was a needy person, and deserved assistance at the hands of the board, it was ordered that a donation of five dollars a month be made for said Oliver.

Mr. Quinn, representing Austin Brothers, of Atlanta, Georgia, appeared before the board with his bill for payment for the construction of two steel bridges across the Withlacoochee River, the said bridges having been inspected and approved, it was ordered that the bill be, and the same was ordered paid, and a warrant drawn for \$2537, in payment of the same.

The bond of E. T. Williams, Registration Officer, was duly approved with W. S. Bullock and J. D. Robertson, sureties. It was upon motion ordered that the clerk insert notices for the building of two steel bridges across the Oklawaha River, one at Sharpe's Ferry, and one at Moss Bluff, bids to be opened at the regular meeting of the board in September, to-wit: at noon, twelve o'clock, September 9th, A. D. 1908.

A petition heretofore filed requesting the board to grant a public road, beginning at a point near the seven-mile post, and intersecting with Eureka road at or near the 25-mile post, was granted.

Commissioner Pyles filed his poor farm report as follows:

Poor Farm Report
Ocala, Fla., Aug. 4th, 1908.
The Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Marion County:
I visited the farm on 30th ult. for the month of July. The inmates are 13 in all, 4 of whom are colored. One man Tom Williams, colored, of Fellowship section, having died on the 8th day of July. The white man, Mr. King, who was sent here from the Florida House on the 9th of July was expended to Atlanta, Ga., on the 13th, it being his wish, and to get among his people, and too, it was thought to be the most economical disposition of him, it having cost \$11.85.

In the idiotic boy, Ed Roberts, of

Belleview section, beg to say is very much improved physically, but not mentally. There can be doubt but that he is a confirmed idiot.

In the person of the old lady Mrs. Johnson, glad to report that her general condition is better notwithstanding she is as dependent or helpless as a babe.

I am glad to report that the general health of the inmates are improved and very good. Supt. Pyle is planting peas for hay, and his crop is generally very good.

Respectfully submitted,
S. R. Pyles, Com. in Charge.

Report of Poor Farm for July, 1908

Superintendent	\$ 35.00
Hired help	35.00
Washing and ironing	9.00
Cooking	14.00
Melver & MacKay	12.75
Belveston & Pasteur	12.90
Ocala Furniture Co.	4.75
Knight-Martin Co.	1.10
Ocala Wagon Works	1.00
Marion Hardware Co.	1.30
Standard Lime Co.	51.90
J. J. Guthery	12.50
Dr. W. V. Newsom	16.00
Martin & Carn	7.75
Mr. King	11.85
Tydings & Co.	11.60

\$239.15

The application of Mr. S. E. Rowe for mark and brand inspector of District Number One was refused.

It was upon motion ordered that T. E. Pasteur, County Treasurer, make a transfer of funds as follows, from the Fine and Forfeiture Fund, \$635.00, and from the special road fund \$765.00, making a total of \$1400, and that the same be transferred to the building fund.

The board approved pension claims as follows: Mrs. Adella P. Phillips, William J. Meadows, J. A. Alexander, A. R. Griffin.

The board approved bonds for carrying fire arms and ordered licenses to issue as follows: B. F. W. Earl, H. B. Mock, D. B. Brinson, D. L. Boone, John A. Smith, R. L. Carter, A. C. McMichael.

Bond of S. L. Friday, notary public, was duly approved, with Ed. Rou and J. W. Wilson as sureties.

Bond of John M. Graham for the care and safe-keeping of all public funds, military property, etc., was duly approved, with George MacKay and M. Fishel as sureties.

Upon motion it was ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of the board, in so far as it refers to the sheriff of Marion county, Florida, performing the duties of Game Warden, be rescinded.

Bill of C. J. McCranie, for \$100, as Game Warden for fines collected as such was ordered paid.

Upon motion it was ordered that the clerk request Austin Weston Company, Chicago, Limited, to ship to John L. Edwards, Ocala, Florida, one of their new steel Weston Lever Ditcher, and two horse grader, upon the terms of their guarantee set forth in their little communication on file with this board.

The tax collector presented his reports for settlement, whereupon the board carefully examined and compared the list, and allowed the same, and ordered the clerk to credit the said collector on account of said list for the amounts so reported.

It was upon motion ordered that Captain Pyles be and he is authorized to select and purchase a water tank, and the chairman of this board requested, upon the request of Mr. Lucius, hard road overseer, to order a roller, etc.

The following persons filed petitions asking permits to sell liquors, wines and beer in this county, and the petitions appearing to be in legal form, the board directed the clerk to publish necessary notices, namely:

John Mason Tyson, for District No. 1.
J. M. McCorkle, District No. 1.
Bluthenthal & Bickert, Dist. No. 1.
H. J. Precht, District No. 1.
R. L. Keating, doing business as Keating & Co., Dist. No. 1.
G. D. Hogan, District No. 1.
W. H. Mills, District No. 1.
R. A. Falana, District No. 1.
E. F. Duke, District No. 24.
Harry Peter, District No. 24.
W. C. O'Bannon, District No. 24.
J. H. Rollins, District No. 24.
J. L. Trotter, District No. 24.

County Treasurer Pasteur filed his report showing balances on hand, after receipts and disbursements for the month of July as follows:

Balance.	
County School Fund	\$ 221.91
Road Fund	2280.67
County Proper	1234.09
Fine and Forfeiture Fund	1633.75
Special Road Fund (including funds transferred to said fund)	2869.91
Building Fund	639.88
Total receipts, including balances on hand July 1st	4079.20
Disbursed, including the transfer	10717.80
Balance	\$2009.92

The following Justices of the Peace reported fines and costs imposed as follows:

County Judge Joseph Bell, fines imposed	\$2175.00
E. S. Smith, fines imposed	30.00
G. M. Richard, fines imposed	5.00
D. R. Zetrouer, fines imposed	10.00
Z. A. McClaran, fines imposed	25.00
County Judge Joseph Bell, costs	\$204.88
E. S. Smith, costs	20.64
G. M. Richard, costs	8.53
D. R. Zetrouer, costs	10.00
Z. A. McClaran, costs	12.50

The following Justices of the Peace reported no fines imposed: T. L. Johnson, Alexander Wynne, R. C. Douglass, W. W. Jackson, C. R. Veal, H. W. Douglass.

The tax collector reported poll tax regular \$79, extra \$3, total \$82.

Licenses collected for county, \$61.50. A petition was filed by citizens near Martel, requesting the board to open up the old public road known as the Crabtree road, which petition was filed and laid over until the next regular meeting of the board.

Board thereupon adjourned until their next regular meeting in September, to be held on September 8th and 9th, 1908.

S. T. Sistrunk, Clerk.

Aug. 1st, 1908.

Mr. S. R. Pyles, Commissioner in Charge of Hard Road Work in District Three, Marion County, Fla.—Dear Sir: I wish to submit the following as my report for work done and amount of expenditures for the month of July, 1908: I have rocked two thousand yards on the Ocala and Summerfield hard road and run the large grader over the Ocala and Anthony, Silver Springs and Sharpe's Ferry hard roads during the last month at the following total cost of \$937.14. You will find in clerk's office itemized bills to make up above amount. Cash on hand \$38. Think \$150 more will be sufficient for this month.

Respectfully,
M. M. Lucius,

Overseer Hard Road.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Ocala, Fla., Aug. 4, 1908.

The board of public instruction in and for Marion county, Florida, met this fourth day of August, 1908, in regular session with Isaac Stevens, chairman, B. R. Blitch and J. S. Grantham present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The superintendent reported that he had contracted with Mr. W. C. Blanchard to make all necessary repairs to the Griner Farm school house and paint the building on the outside with two good coats of paint for \$228.

A petition was presented to the board, signed by a large number of patrons of the Magnolia colored school, preferring charges against the supervisor, Chappell Austin, and asking the board to discharge said supervisor and appoint A. B. Edwards in his place. The matter was deferred for investigation until the next meeting of the board.

A request was before the board to establish a school about seven miles from Ocala on the Sam Pyles road. A number of the patrons of the Shady school appeared before the board and protested against the establishment of the new school on the ground that it would draw so many pupils from the Shady school that it would cut their school too low to make the required average, and the new school would be in less than three miles of the Shady school.

After considering the matter it was decided not to grant the school.

A request was before the board asking for the establishment of a new school two miles west of Santos, claiming that they had ten children three miles from any other school. After considering the matter the request was declined and \$20 per month was appropriated to convey the children to the Belleview school.

A request was before the board to establish a new school at Lynne, stating that they had eight scholars at the Lynne postoffice and ten more too far for the smaller pupils to attend other schools who would attend the Lynne school.

Several patrons from the Key Pond school appeared before the board, protesting against the establishing of this school, because it would greatly cripple the Key Pond school. After considering the matter the request was refused and \$25 per month was granted to assist in conveying the children from Lynne to Key Pond.

Mr. H. C. Morrison, a trustee of the Mayville school, appeared and urged the board to operate the May-

ville school, but as there are not enough scholars to make the required average the board appropriated \$18 per month to convey the children to Weirsdale and granted the trustees authority to supplement this amount from the district funds sufficient to secure someone to convey the children.

A petition from fifteen patrons of the Anthony school was presented to the board asking the said board to start their school the first of October or not earlier than the middle of September. A counter petition, signed by eighteen patrons, was before the board, asking that the school be started the first Monday in September.

After considering both petitions it was ordered that the school be started the first Monday in September.

The sum of \$130 was granted to repair and paint the Anthony school house.

A request was before the board to re-establish the school at Mill Creek. Mr. J. S. Grantham was requested to investigate the condition of the neighborhood and if it is found that they can make the required average to give them the school.

Mr. R. W. McCaully was recommended and appointed a trustee of the Reddick school district, to fill the unexpired term of J. C. Dupree, resigned.

Mr. J. T. Hall was granted the contract to convey the children from South Lake Weir to Weirsdale at \$30 per month.

Mr. E. Wever was granted the contract to convey the children from Old Town settlement to the Fellowship school at \$25 per month.

The Lowell school was granted material to put new roof on school house.

The Shiloh school was granted \$10 for repairs.

Mr. M. M. Proctor appeared before the board and stated that the Farmers' Union had offered \$50 for the old school house at Pedro and one acre of land belonging to the board, but that as said land was one acre out of a forty of his land, he wanted to buy the acre from the board, and if the board would authorize the trustees to sell said house and land to the best advantage, that he would deposit check for \$50 in the bank for the board and guarantee \$50 for said house and land.

The proposition of Mr. Proctor was accepted and the trustees are hereby authorized to sell house and land to the best advantage.

The superintendent reported that the state has not paid any of the school appropriations now in over a year. That the state is due Marion county \$2310 for extending the schools of 1907 on the 80 per cent. average, under chapter 5654, and \$1390 under same chapter for 80 per cent. average of 1908, and \$1000 under chapter 5657, which the county should have received the first of January, and that the state is owing the districts for junior and senior high schools and rural graded school, according to chapter 5382, the sum of \$3569. Making the total amount due Marion county from the state \$8260. That the inability of the state to pay these appropriations, especially the amounts due the high schools are greatly affecting said schools.

In view of the fact that the state is now paying these appropriations the board will not attempt to run any school longer than the regular county term next year on account of school making 80 per cent. average, unless the money is paid before the close of the school term.

According to the law requiring the school board to examine the tax collector's poll list twice each year, to see if his collections balance with the treasurer's report, the board spent all day Wednesday checking up all polls paid since August, 1907, and found that the collector's poll books showed that he had accounted for and held the treasurer's receipts for every dollar of polls collected.

The treasurer's report was examined and approved as follows:

Bal. from last report..... \$ 63
Recd. from A. C. Croom, S. A.
L. Ry. taxes..... 2751.35
Recd. from A. C. Croom, tax sales..... 51.10

Total receipts..... \$2802.48

Disbursed during July..... 2280.57

Balance in treasury..... \$ 521.91

The treasurer's report for the special districts was approved, showing the following balances:

Ocala, \$2.73; McIntosh, \$2.96; Belleview, \$389.42; Fantville, \$49.41; Dunnellon, \$8.42; Reddick, \$15.83; Pine Level, \$217.15; Mayville, \$2; Weirsdale, \$207.64; Citra, \$587.30; Griner Farm, \$402.40; Buck Pond, \$70.90; Sparr, \$181.26; Candler, \$225.82; Fellowship, \$12.48; Electra, \$20.07; Blitchton, \$203.91; Martel, \$124.33; Ft. King, \$205.64; Capulet, \$103.98; Linadale, \$108; Cotton Plant, \$172.07; Orange Lake, \$77.94; Moss Bluff, \$12.70; Fairfield, \$27.87; Cottage Hill, 0; Charter Oak, \$118.44; Pedro, \$26; Kendrick, \$54.89; Oklawaha, \$2; Heidtville, \$188.17. Total, \$4042.97.

W. D. CARN, Secretary.